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A PREMONITION TO THE Bishops and Priests OF ENGLAND, &c.

With Twenty Reasons why the People of God in Scorn called *Quakers* do Refuse to hear them.

GOD Almighty at sundry times and in divers manners, hath appeared to warn you of his Wrath and sore displeasure, which hath several Years hung over your heads; even ready to be revealed from Heaven upon you for your manifold abominations and Oppressions, the Cry of which hath reached to Heaven; and therefore hath the God of mercy (who delighteth not in the destruction of the wicked) put his word in the Mouthes of his Servants and Messengers, who early and late in word and writing, Year after Year, and Time after Time, have exhorted you to cease to do Evil, and learn to do Well and to break off your abominable Wickednesses and cruel Oppressions (under which the Land mourns) by speedy and unfeigned Repentance, but

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you have hitherto dispised, evil-intreated and Persecuted his Messengers, and rejected his Word, till even now the wrath of the Lamb is kindled against you, from which none can deliver you; for you have provoked him (who delighteth in mercy) to wrath and jealousie dayes without number, your Pride. Covetousness, Drunkenness, Whoredoms among you, Lying, Swearing, Oppression, and lording it over God's Heritage, and forcing Thousands towalk in the broad way to destruction with your selves (whom you can prevail withal) is Recorded as with a Pen of Iron, and point of a Diamond: Oh! my Heart is Rent because of the misery and sore destruction which God, will bring upon you & your Posterity if you and they still harden your Hearts against him, and my wrestlings are often with the Lord, not to pour forth the vials of his wrath upon your Head, but rather give you penitent Hearts, if you have not sinned out your Day: Oh! that there were such an heart in you as would strip you out of your Pharisaical long Robes, and cloath you with Sackcloth and Ashes upon your Heads, and cry mightily unto God, as the Men of *Nineveh* did, that God may turn from you his fiery Indignation and sore displeasure, that is ready to flame in fury against you; for your Repentance and not your Destruction is the earnest desire of my Soul: Oh! that you knew in this your day, the things that belong to your Peace with God, but the Day is very near wherein they will be hid from your Eyes, for God's Spirit will not alwayes strive with you, as it hath hitherto done, neither will the place of Repentance be always in your sight, which when hid, you shall seek Death and shall not find it, and shall say in the Morning, would God it were Evening, and in the Evening, would God it were Morning, for the dread and horror that shall compass you on every side; then shall he that sits in Heaven laugh at your Calmity, and stand far off from you when your fear cometh, even as pain upon a Woman that travaileth, for you have over-passed the deeds of the wicked; the Land even stinks through your abominations, you have long fed your selves withthe Fat of

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this Land, and cloathed your selves with the Wool, that you are more like *Sodomites* then Christians, but you have killed, and cruelly Persecuted those that God hath fed with Bread from Heaven, like the false Shepherds of *Israel*, whom God by the Mouth of *Ezekiel* cryed wo against, *Ezek.* 34. 2, 3, 4. Oh! what will you do in the end of these things, when the God of Righteousness shall require his Flock at your Hands? What hath People profitted under you this many Years? Do not both them and your selves grow worse and worse, you deceiving, and they deceived? but if you had stood in the Counsel of God, & had been Authoriz'd by him, & had caused People to hear his word of Faith in their Hearts, then had you been as so many lustrous Stars in the Firmament of his power forever, but now you are left as Wells without Water, Clouds carryed about with a Tempest; for a little Storm will drive you East or West, North or South, yea, wandring Stars, to whom (unless you speedily Repent) is reserved the blackness of utter Darkness forever.

For the Light of the glorious day of God's power you have wofully hated, and have loved Darkness rather, by reason of your Evil deeds; and you have shut the Kingdom of Heaven against many, yea, even all whom you can prevail withall, by hateing, slighting, and setting at nought the Key of *David*, which should open the Door of entrance unto it, and yet would take it by the force and strength of your earthly Wisdoms and brain-Knowledge, but this know, that neither Fornicator, nor Adulterer, nor Idolator, nor the unclean hath any part or portion in it, *1 Cor.* 6. 9, .10. *Ephes.* 5. 3, 5. but the Darkness which they have loved in their life-times shall be their lot and portion forever, with the word UTTER annexed to it, unless they Repent and turn unto the Light with which Christ Jesus hath enlightned them, and love it, and walk in it in your life-times, which hitherto many of you Priests have most wretchedly despised and blasphemed against.

Therefore, oh ye Bishops and Priests, and all your Judges and Officers, whose proceedings are corrupted, who have taken the sheaf from the hungry, and have not bound up the

broken hearted, nor relieved the OpPreſſed, if ye will not hear nor lay theſe things to Heart, the Lord will ſpread Dung upon your Faces, and will make you a Hiſſing, and a By-word of of Reproach to Generations to come, for your Iniquities are almoſt full, and you are daily heaping up Wrath againſt the Day of wrath, they who work Wickedneſs are ſet up and Countenanced among you, and they that tempt God every day are even delivered, and counted your great Church-Members, and Communicants; but they who reprove Iniquity in the Gate, are grievouſly drawn before your Judgment Seats, and made a Prey upon, both in their Perſons and properties, which was never Chriſt's, but Antichriſt's way of Convincing gainſayers.

And how do you lead many blind to Deſtruction, by forcing them under the penalty of Excommunication to eat and drink their own damnation; if it be matter of Damnation to eat at your table without Faith in it, how many have you drawn before your Judgment Seats, becauſe they come not to your Sacrament, are you certain they have examin'd themſelves according to the Apoſtle's command, 1 *Cor.* 11. 28. or do you know them to be worthy, or diſcern the Lord's Body? or do you diſcern it your ſelves, without which, *whoſoever eateth or drinketh, doth it unworthily to his own damnation*, *verſ.* 29. And how can you ever ſtand clear before the Seat of divine Juſtice, who force men under ſevere Penalties, contrary to the perſwaſion of their own Hearts after Examination (by which many have found their unworthineſs) to eat and drink their own Damnation, or elſe they muſt be curſed out of your worſhipping Houſes, and caſt out of the Society and company of their Friends and loving Neighbours? Oh! the Cry of theſe things is loud, was this ever Chriſt or the Apoſtles way and manner towards them who oppoſed them? did not Chriſt command his to bleſs their very Perſecutors? And did not the Apoſtle forbid the Saints to Curſe? *Rom.* 12. 14. And did not the Apoſtle *James* ſay, that *out of one Mouth ſhould not come bleſſing and curſſing*? *James* 3. 10. And was ever any forbidden to buy or ſell, or have Society amongſt men, but only by the Power

Power of the Beast spoken of by *John*, *Revelation* 13. 16, 17. who made War with the Lamb and the Saints; now let the wise Judge who is your example in your Court-proceedings, whether Christ or Antichrist according to your professed Rule, *viz.* the Scriptures.

And if you prevail upon any, who through Fear of your Whip do outwardly conform to your Worship, contrary to the Perswasions of their own Hearts; do not you thereby make them Hypocrites, and twofold more the Children of the Devil then before? God hath turned the Hearts of many from you, and hath commanded them to offer a Sacrifice to him out of the Borders of *Egypt*, even in the Wilderness, which is towards the Red Sea, in the Way to the Land of *Canaan*, and your Pursuit of them here, will be to your own overthrow, as it was *Pharaoh*'s. Oh consider what you are a doing by your Courts and Proceedings; is it not to draw them into *Egypt* again, whom God by the Cords of his infinite Love hath drawn into the Land of *Goshen*, where they enjoy and possess Light in their Dwellings, and have forever turned their Backs of *Egypt*'s Land, having set their Faces *Zion-ward*, and are come to the Father's House (*i e.*) *The true Light*) where they have Bread enough, yea, of the living Bread which is come down from Heaven, by which they are nourished up to Eternal Life, so that your Husk they utterly refuse, which you sell at a costly Rate, with which no weary Soul can ever be, nor never was satisfied.

Therefore touch them not I charge you by the God of Heaven, nor offend the least among them; for they are near and dear unto the Lord, and he tenders them as the Apple of his Eye; and no Weapon formed against them shall ever prosper; are you still so blind, as not to consider your ill Success in this Undertaking this many Years? methinks you should have as much Wisdom as *Gamaliel* had, to say, *Let them alone, if they be of God they will stand, if not, he will overthrow them, lest haply you be found Fighters against God*, Acts 5. 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39. And you should consider the Parable of the Wheat and Tares, how that the Lord of the Houshold of Faith would not suffer his Servants to pluck up the Tares, but commanded that they

they ſhould grow among the Wheat to the End of the world, though he declared them to be the Children of the wicked one, *Mat.* 13. 38. to the 44th verſe. He was not of your Mind, to root them out from the Earth, though he infallibly knew them to be ſown by the Enemy, which you do not pretend unto, and therefore cannot diſcern between the Children of God and the Children of the Devil, but call Good Evil, and Evil Good; and put Light for Darkneſs, and Darkneſs for Light, as your Fore-Fathers did in the Dayes of old; But if you fall upon that Rock you have ſo long ſtumbled at, you will be broken; but upon whom ever it falls, it will grind him to Powder: Therefore dread the Majeſty of the great God of Heaven, at whoſe Rebuke all the Mountains of the Earth tremble and are moved; and howl all ye idle Vine-dreſſers, whoſe Vineyards are overgrown with Weeds; the Lord of the Vineyard is come to look for Fruit, and behold, there is little among you, but bitter, ſour and ill-taſted Fruits, your Vine is the Vine of *Sodom*, and your Grapes the Grapes of *Gomorrah*, and the Lord of the Vineyard will caſt you out as unprofitable Servants, and idle Shepherds, unleſs you weed out all the Bryars and Thorns, and then, which of you can eſcape; for the beſt among you, who are guilty of Perſecution, are as a Bryar, and ſharper then a Thorn-Hedge, from which no pleaſant Grapes can be expected, ſo that by your Fruits you are known, and not by your Words, *Mat.* 7. 2, 3. for you have got the good Words & the fair Speeches, by which you deceive the Hearts of the ſimple; and if Covetouſneſs be Idolatry which none queſtions, then, who are greater Idolaters then your ſelves? of whoſe covetous Practices the whole Nation is full, having a Cloud of Witneſſes in every pariſh. And how can you call your ſelves ſpiritual Perſons, when you ſo much reſiſt the Spirit of Truth, and contemn thoſe who own and witneſs it to be their Guide and Leader into all Truth? for none can truly be ſpiritual Perſons, but who by the ſpirit of Truth are made ſo; for all men naturally are carnal, ſold under Sin; and none can judge for God, but they who are led by his Spirit.

Now if you were led by the Spirit of God, you would let People

People alone to be perſwaded by it, in things relating to another world, whoſe Fruits have no bad Aſpect on the affairs of this, and eſpecially they who deſire nothing more then to live a quiet and peaceable Life, in all Godlineſs and Honeſty; but by oppreſſing ſuch, you not only ſeek the Deſtruction of their Souls, but of their Bodies alſo; and if ſuch be not ravening wolves there was never any in the world.

And as your Fore Fathers did, ſo do ye begin at the wrong End, inſtead of being a Terror to Evil doers, you make your ſelves ſuch to them that do well, and let Drunkards, Lyars, Swearers, Whoremongers and Adulterers go free, which God will judge, and becauſe of theſe and many mroe Abominations the Land now mourns; and there is but a ſmall Remnant that ſighs and mourns for all the Abominations that are committed therein; but the great Number lives wantonly upon the Earth, and kill the juſt one, and cruifie afreſh the Lord of Glory, putting him to open Shame, and give Occaſion to the Adulterers of Forreign Nations to blaſpheme the Name of the God of *Iſrael*, which he will require at your Hands.

And why do you ſuffer Forreign and other Cheats to come in and ſet up Stage-playes in open Streets of Cities and Towns, whereby the Name of God is dreadfully blaſpemed, & youth and old age wofully corrupted and debauched. Oh! what will you do? or where will you appear when God ariſeth to take Vengeance for theſe things? My Soul is even bowed down at the Conſideration of theſe things, and often mourns in ſecret for the Abomination of Deſolation, which now ſtands where it ought not, therefore let him that reads underſtand.

And Nation is now appearing againſt Nation & Kingdom againſt Kingdom, & Famins, Peſtilences & terrible Earth quakes in divers places, yea, many Signs in Heaven, and Wonders in the Earth beneath, of the breaking forth of the wrath of the Lamb, whoſe Patience and Long-ſuffering being ſleighted, you are not led to Repentance; but they wax worſe and worſe, deceiving and being deceived; even heaping up Wrath againſt the day of Wrath, and the revealing of the righteous Judgment of God.

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Even as it was in the Dayes of *Noah*, so is it now in the coming of the Son of Man; for the Earth is filled with Violence, and is corrupted by Iniquity, and the dark Corners thereof are full of the Habitations of Cruelty, but an Ark is prepared, and a small Remnant are gathered, and more gathering daily into it, at the Command of the Lord; the like Figure, whereunto Baptism now saveth us, not the putting away of the Filth of the Flesh, but the answer of a good Conscience, by the Resurrection of Jesus; and now it is fulfilled, that as *Moses* lifted up the Serpent in the Wilderness, so is the Son of Man lifted up in the Hearts of his People in this his Day, of whose Government there shall be no End; and all are and will be accounted his Enemies, that will not suffer him thus to reign.

But he gives *Cæsar* his due at this Day (*viz.*) the Government in outward things; for his Kingdom is not of this world, neither do his Servants fight, but are made perfect through Suffering, as their Lord and Master was in the Dayes of old.

Therefore awake, awake all you who have long laid in Security; for the great and notable Day of the Lord is dawning, wherein all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly shall be as Stubble and the Day that cometh shall leave them neither root nor branch; but unto them who fear the Name of the Lord, and depart from Iniquity, and hate every evil way, shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with Healing, and shall give them Beauty for Ashes, and the Oyl of Joy for the Spirit of Heaviness, under which they have walked many Years; and the Cup of Trembling shall be taken out of their Hand, and shall be given into the Hands of them who oppress them.

And God's Arm is not shortned that it cannot save, neither is his Ear heavy that it cannot hear the cry of the Poor, and complaint of the Needy, who are even at this day groaning under the burthens of an oppressed Conscience, through the cruel unnatural impositions of men, having assumed that to themselves, which is proper and peculiar to God alone, (*viz.*) The Government in spiritual matters relating to another world, this is his honour which he will not give to another, and if all Judgment be committed to the Son, what place is

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left for the Bishops Judges? What Judgment is to them committed? And who gave them Authority to set Judges over mens Consciences in matters of Faith and Worship? do not the Scriptures say, that *Whatsoever is not of Faith is Sin*? Rom. 14. 23. *And without Faith 'tis impossible to please God*, *Heb.* 11. 6. Now do not you greatly dishonour the Son, who is the only Author and Giver of Faith, who would impose a Worship contrary thereunto, upon his Servants? is not he only spiritual Judge of Heaven and Earth, whose Judgment is just, and according to Truth and Righteousness altogether? & how can you judge of spiritual Things, if you have not the infallible Spirit, and so not sure of your own standing, nor of the way you walk in to be Right; and yet Persecute others even to Life, Liberty and Estate, because they will not walk in your uncertain way? you presume higher then did the *Scribes* and *Pharisees* of old, (though short of their Righteousness) for they were said but to sit in *Moses's* Seat, who had a Legal ministration; but you pretend to sit in Christ's Seat, who hath an everlasting Spiritual Priesthood, and is only Judge of quick and dead: Therefore down with your pretended spiritual Courts whereby you would limit God in his Worship, and prescribe his Servants a way, which your selves do not certainly know to be true, to worship God contrary to the measure of Faith they have received from God, and let sound honest Judges in Temporal matters between a Man & his Neighbour be set up in all Cases of difference in temporal things, and let them be a terror to Evil-doers under what Name and Profession soever; for the Law was made for such, and not for righteous men, have you any president in the Scriptures, in all the dayes of the Ministration of *Moses*, in the dayes of *Abraham*, in the time of the Prophets, or in any of the Gospel-dispensations, that ever any outward Law with an outward penalty, was made against them, who did not Worship God in that way & manner, in which he had appeared in those dayes? If you cannot, you must either judge them deficient who had the ministerial Offices in those dispensations, or your selves to take more upon you, then you have either precept or example for in the holy Scriptures.

Here followeth ſome of the weighty Reaſons why we who are called Quakers, *do deny the Biſhops and their Prieſts to be Miniſters of the Goſpel, and do refuſe to hear them.*

Reaſon 1. YOU being made Miniſters by the Will and Wiſdom of Man, and what you have received being from man, and taught you by man, and not by the Revelation of Jeſus Chriſt, contrary to the true Miniſters in the Dayes of old, having not entred in at the Door, but climbed up ſome other way, therefore we cannot own you to be ordained of God, nor to be true Shepherds.

Reaſ. 2. After this wrong Beginning you have been inducted by men into great Benefices, in every Place, as you could obtain them; and have preached for Hire, and have ſpoken a Divination of your own Brain-ſtudy in your carnal Wiſdoms, and not from the Mouth of the Lord, as he hath taught you, and therefore have you remained, ſome Ten, ſome Twenty Years, more or leſs, in a fat Benefice, and have not profited the People at all, *Jer.* 23. 21, 22.

Reaſ. 3. You like the falſe Prophets of *Iſrael* have every one ſought your own Way, every one for his Gain from his Quarter, *Iſa.* 56. 10, 11. And moreover, have run from Quarter to Quarter where was moſt Gain, and ſo have made Merchandize of People through Covetouſneſs, as they did whom *Peter* teſtified againſt, 2 *Pet.* 2. 1, 2, 3. This hath manifeſted to us and all ſober People, that you have the Spirit of Error.

Reaſ. 4. You have run and the Lord hath not ſent you, therefore have you turned none to Righteouſneſs, nor profited the

the People at all; but if you had ſtood in the Counſel of God, and had cauſed People to hear his Word, which is Chriſt, then you ſhould have turned them from the Evil of their Wayes, *Jer.* 23.

Reaſ. 5. You have fed your ſelves with the Fat, and cloathed your ſelves with the Wooll, and like Drones have lain within, and have eaten up that which many have laboured hard for, and have perſecuted and killed them, who are fed by Chriſt the true Shepherd; therefore is the Hand of the Lord turned againſt you, and he will wipe you as a man wipeth a Diſh, turning it upſide down.

Reaſ. 6. You have born Rule by your Means, and have been called Lords and Maſters, and them who could not give you thoſe flattering Titles, you have hated and perſecuted; and you have loved and ſtrove for the chiefeſt Places in the Aſſemblies, and the uppermoſt Rooms at Feaſts, and have gone in long Robes; and for a Pretence have made long Prayers, being directly ſuch as Chriſt cryed Wo againſt, *Mat.* 23.

Reaſ. 7. You have come to People in Sheeps Cloathing, and through your Good VVords and Fair Speeches have deceived the Hearts of the Simple, but inwardly are Ravening Wolves; you are known to the whole Nation by your Fruits being written in great Characters upon your Foreheads (*viz.*) Pride, Covetouſneſs, Luxury, Drunkenneſs, Whoredom, Lying, Swearing, the Abominations of the Heathen, and therefore are Evil Trees, which have no Promiſe, but to be hewen down.

Reaſ. 8. You have cried Peace to every one that would put into your Mouths and feed you with Tythes, Gifts and Rewards, but they who have denied you theſe, you, like ravening Wolves, have devoured many Widows Houſes, and tender Lambs; and have far exceeded (in making Spoil of Peoples

Goods who have received nothing from you) all the false Prophets that ever I heard or read of, either in the Scriptures, or any History since the Foundation of the World; and therefore we cannot own you as true Shepherds, but as ravening Wolves.

Reas. 9. You have not been content with Christ's Wages to his Ministers (viz.) *Into whatsoever House ye enter, eat and drink such things as they set before you; for the Labourer is worthy of his Meat*, Luke 10. therefore never truly sent forth by him, but have gone in the Way of *Cain*, and after the Error of *Balaam*, *Jude* 11. who erred from the Spirit of God, and then was more blind than the Ass he rode on.

Reas. 10. You have followed your own Spirits, and have mocked and derided those that possess the infallible Spirit of Truth, and therefore are Ministers of the Letter which killeth, and not of the Spirit which giveth Life; for the least Measure of the Spirit of Truth is infallible, and never deceived any who were guided by it, but the whole Body of the Spirit of Error is fallible, and worketh with all Deceivableness of Unrighteousness, its Fruits being such as are mentioned in the nine foregoing Reasons why the *Quakers* deny the Priesthood of *England*.

Reas. 11. You, when you have seen the Wolf come, have fled, and left your Flocks to be devoured by him, when the Arm of Flesh turned against you; and therefore are you manifest Hirelings, and not of the true Shepherd, who laid down his Life for his Flock, *John* 10. 12, 13.

Reas. 12. You have not turned People from Darkness to the true Light, wherewith Christ Jesus hath enlightned every man that cometh into the World, *John* 1. 9. nor from the Power of Satan to the Power of God, whereby they might witness Remission of Sins, contrary to the Doctrine and Practise of Christ and the true Ministers of the Gospel, *Acts* 26. 16, 17, 18. but you have kept people in Darkness, and under the

the power of Satan; and have preached and made people believe they must remain under Satan's power all the Dayes of their Lives, and consequently have made the Death, Suffering and Blood of Christ of none Effect, and the Second Covenant of no more Force nor Virtue then the First, nor the Blood of Christ no better then the Blood of Bulls and Goats, which could not cleanse from Sin; and therefore you and they dye in your Sins as Christ said to the *Jews*, *John* 8. 21.

Reas. 13. You creep into the Idolatrous Houses which were built by the *Papists*, and consecrated to Idolatry, and there lead silly men and women captive, laden with Sin and divers Lusts, ever learning, and never able to come to the Knowledge of the Truth, which is Christ the Light of the World, and so Freedom from Sin, and Eternal Life in Christ is hid from your Eyes, and the Way of Peace neither the Leaders, nor they who are led know; and therefore we call you blind Leaders of the blind, as Christ did those who walked in your Steps, *Mat.* 15. 14.

Reas. 14. You have a shew of *Godliness*, but deny, hate and persecute the *Power of Godliness* in all, in whom it is brought forth; and for this Reason also we turn away from you, according to the Apostle's Doctrine, 2 *Tim.* 3. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

Reas. 15. You are Wells without Water, Clouds carried about with a Tempest; for when the Storm came and beat upon your Houses, which you upon the Sand had built, they fell, and you fled at their Fall, and great was their Fall; so you are Hearers and not Doers, deceiving your own Souls, *Mat.* 7. 26, 27.

Reas. 16. You dip or sprinkle Infants, and cause men and women to promise and vow, that they shall forsake the Devil and all his works, the pomps and vanities of this world, and all the sinful Lusts of the Flesh, which you nor they can never perform; here you are grievous Covenant-Breakers; for neither

ther you nor they in that ſtate you ſtand in, can keep God's Holy Will, nor his Commandments, one Day in all your Lives; and ſo lay heavy Burdens upon others, which you will not touch with one of your Fingers, and cauſe many to break their ſolemn Covenant with God, which will be charged to you in the Day of Account; and ſo are the Covenant-Breakers ſpoken of, 2 *Tim.* 3. 3.

Reaſ. 17. You deny Perfection, and Freedom from Sin in this Life, contrary to the Doctrine of Chriſt and his Miniſters, *Mat.* 5. 48 *Rom.* 6. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23. *Phil.* 3. 15. 1 *John* 4. 17. and ſo make void the Gifts given by Chriſt at his Aſcenſion, which were for the perfecting of the Saints, *Epheſ.* 4. 12. 13.

Reaſ. 18. You have kept people in Doubt of their Salvation, in telling them they muſt have a Body of Sin as long as they live, and not reſolving them where this Body of ſin muſt be done away, ſeeing the Scripture ſaith, *There is no Remembrance of God in Death, and in the Grave who ſhall give him Thanks*, Pſal. 6. 5. And again *Iſaiah* ſaith, *The Grave cannot praiſe the Lord, nor Death celebrate him, and they that go down to the Pit cannot hope for his Truth*, Iſaiah 38. 18. So unleſs you tell People where or when they ſhall be made free from Sin, and prove the ſame by plain Scripture, you will be ſeen of all to be manifeſt Deceivers, ſeeing no Unclean Thing ſhall enter into the Kingdom of Righteouſneſs.

Reaſ. 19. You deny Immediate Revelation, and Inſpiration by the Spirit of God at this day, through which the things of God's Kingdom both is and ever was known, *Deut.* 29. 29. *Job.* 32. 8. *Mat.* 16. 17. *Mat.* 11. & 27. 1 *Cor.* 2. 10, 11. And thereby do keep People from the knowledge of God and Jeſus Chriſt, whom he hath ſent, whom to know is Life eternal, *John* 17. 3. this again ſhews you (in Doctrine) to be contrary to the Apoſtles and Primitive Chriſtians, who were Sons and Daughters of God, and led by the Spirit of God,

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Rom. 8. 14. So for this Reason also we deny you, and turn away from you, as being Ministers of the Letter that killeth, and not of the Spirit that giveth Life, 2 *Cor.* 3. 6.

Reas. 20. You love to be called *Lord-Bishops*, and your Priests *Master* such a one, and *Master* such a one contrary to the Scriptures and the Titles of the Holy men of God therein recorded; for we do not read of *Lord Timothy*, nor *Lord Titus*, though Bishops; nor of *Master Paul*, nor *Master Peter*, &c. This again shews you to be more like the *Gentiles*, who exercised Lordship over their Brethren, then Ministers of Christ; but Christ said, it should not be so among his Ministers, but *He that would be greatest should be Servant to all*, Mark 10. 43.

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